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IN APPLICATIONS: **ERGONOMIC HANDLE**  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/425,743  
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ART UNIT: 1744  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Further to the telephone message that I left with Examiner Graham on March 27, 2001 and his return message to me that this case has not yet been examined and he was expecting it to come up for examination in about two to three months time, as advised verbally, I hereby submit a preliminary amendment to this application in the way of additional claims.

Kindly insert the following additional claims:

21) An ergonomic paint brush handle comprising:

(a) a means for attaching a brush head to said paint brush handle proximate a brush end wherein said attaching means oriented substantially along a brush plane;

(b) a handle section integrally part of said paint brush handle and substantially oriented along a handle axis, said handle axis spaced from and substantially parallel to said brush plane, such that said paint brush handle being adapted to be gripped in a hand.

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See 37 CFR 1.27
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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101 710	201 355	Utility filing fee	
106 320	206 160	Design filing fee	
107 490	207 245	Plant filing fee	
108 710	208 355	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
57	-20** = 37	x 18	= 342
7	-3** = 4	x 80	= 320
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	
117 890	217 445	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890	228 945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240	241 620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240	242 620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440	243 220	Design issue fee	
144 600	244 300	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 710	246 355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(e))	
148 710	249 355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710	279 355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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